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In re Application of: Wei Du Serial No.: 10/784,325 Filing Date: 02/23/2004 For: GIS-BASED RAPID POPULATION ASSESSMENT TOOL Group Art Unit No.: 2173 I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS CORRESPONDENCE IS BEING DEPOSITED Examiner: Unknown WITH THE UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE AS FIRST CLASS MAIL, POSTAGE PREPAID, IN AN ENVELOPE ADDRESSED TO: COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS, PO BOX 1450, ALEXANDRIA, VA 22313-1450, ON: Attorney's Docket No.: HDM-4 August 18, 2004 (DATE OF DEPOSIT) Commissioner for Patents Scott R. Foster P.O. Box 1450

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

August 18, 2004 (DATE OF SIGNATURE)

Please amend the application to include an Abstract as follows: